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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 24, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RODNEY L. DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

BORDER NEVER SECURED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Senate immigration bill never secures the border. It plans to mostly secure the "high-risk sectors," which are less than half the border. And there is no guarantee that this will happen since there are no deadlines.

In fact, if the high-risk sectors are not secured after 5 years, a commission is established to make recommendations. "Make recommendations" sure doesn't sound like a secure border to me.

And there is the entry-exit system to deter those who overstay their visas—about 40 percent of all illegal immigrants. But it only applies to airports and seaports, not land checkpoints where most of the crossings occur. Again, there are no deadlines.

So it's amnesty for millions in 6 months and border security later, if ever.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST IN THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say the following in Armenian to my Armenian friends:

Sireli hai paraganneres, hos yev ashkharee chors goghmereh. Aysor, Haiots Tseghasbahnootian inisoonoot erort daretitseen oreh, khoskes googhem tsezi Neriguyatsusichneroo Don ambiyonen, tser medzhahreh loon lezvov.

Lezoo muh vorov anonk gardahaideyeen irents hooyserreh, gyankheh, yeraznerreh, yev sereh hazar inuh hairoor dasnuhinkee naxortogh darineron.

Osmanyan Guysrutian daradzkin, dasnyag hazaravorner chartehvetsan.

Tsezi guh khoseem lezvovuh ayn yerexaneroon voronk aganadess yeghan irents hayreru spanootyan.

Hazaravor geener pernaparvetsan.

Tsezi guh khoseem lezvovuh anonks toosdreroon, voronk koot gugherseyeen toork vosdiganneren.

Tsezi guh khoseem lezvovuh ayn yerekhaneroon, voronk gateel muh choor gugherseyeen.

Tsezi guh khoseem lezvovuh ayn myreroon, voronk mahatsahn irents noradzeenneruh irents keergeroon mech.

Tsezi guh khoseem lezvovuh ayn verabroghneroon, voronk Amereega yegan azadootyooneth vaylelu yev nor gyank muh usguseloo hamar.

Kuhreteh meg tareh eever, toorkia goorana tsaghasbanootyooneh. Toorkiah goozech, vor ashkharuh morna ays maseen.

Tsezi guh khoseem lezvovuh anonks, voronk ayleves chegan. Anonk mezmeh guh khentren heeshell zeerenk. Anonks tsaynereh dagaveen guh lesveen.

Yes ays nahadagneren voyeveh megoon hednortuh chem, sagayn tsezi guh khoseem irents keghetseez lezvov, vorovhedeve aysor, polores hai enk!

Tsezi guh khoseem ays vayren, Nerguyatsutsichneroo Don ambiyonen vorovhedeve Amerigatsi joghovurteh meeshd jagaden yez kachootyamp nayadz eh polor sarsapneroon oo zanonk gochadz eh irents poon anoonov.

Guh sbasem ayn orvan, yerp ir ghegavarnereh yeves nooynuh beedee unnen. Vorovhedeve yes vuhsdah em, vor ayt oruh beedee kah. Guh sbasem vor chooshanah, vorbesi verabroghneruh luhsen anor tsentseech tsignuh.

Asdvadz mer tsignuh luhseh.

(English translation of the above statement is as follows:)

To my Armenian friends: Today, on the 98th anniversary of the genocide day, I speak to you in the language of your grandparents and your great grandparents—the language they used to speak of their hopes, their dreams, their loves in the years before 1915.

By the time it was over in 1923, more than 1.5 million Armenians—men, women and children—were dead. It was the first genocide of the 20th Century.

I speak to you in the language of the mothers who died with their babies in their arms.

Throughout the Ottoman Empire, tens of thousands were killed outright. Others were force marched through desert heat as the Ottoman government sought to destroy a people.

I speak to you in the language of the children begging for a drop of water.

Women were raped by the thousands.

I speak to you in the language of the girls begging the gendarmes for mercy.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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